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RE: Legislative Action Affecting Due Date of Water Supply Plans within the Wekiva Study Area

Dear Local Planning Official:

During the 2004 session, the Florida Legislature enacted Senate Bill 1214, the Wekiva Parkway and Protection Act. The bill was signed into law by Governor Bush on June 29, 2004. Among other requirements, this legislation establishes a due date of January 1, 2006 for adoption of the 10-year water supply facilities work plan amendment to your comprehensive plan.

This is a change to legislation passed in 2002 in which the Legislature amended Section 163.3177(6)(c), Florida Statutes, requiring local governments having responsibility for water supply facilities to amend their infrastructure element to incorporate a water supply facilities work plan. The work plan must cover at least a 10-year planning period and must reflect consideration of the applicable water management districts' Regional Water Supply Plan. The work plan was due January 1, 2005. As mentioned above, SB 1214 establishes a new due date of January 1, 2006 for affected local governments within the Wekiva Study Area. In addition, the legislation requires that once the work plans have been adopted they must be updated every five years within 12 months of the update to the Regional Water Supply Plan. Also, amendments to incorporate the work plans are now exempt from the twice per year limitation on amendments to the comprehensive plan. An excerpt from the legislation is attached. The entire bill can be viewed at http://www.flsenate.gov/cgi-bin/view_page.pl?Tab=session&Submenu=1&FT=D&File=sb1214er.html&Directory=session/2004/Senate/bills/billtext/html/

If you have already begun to prepare the work plan to meet the January 1, 2005 due date, **we recommend that you delay adopting the work plan until after the regional water supply plan for your area has been updated.** If you choose not to delay, then your work plan will still need to be updated as necessary within 12 months of the approval of the revised Regional Water Supply Plan. You should coordinate your water supply planning activities with those of the water management districts. Contact Peter Brown, 386-329-4311 at the St. Johns River Water Management District and Henry Bittaker, 561-682-6792 at the South Florida Water Management District.

If you have questions, please call Mike McDaniel at 850-922-1806 (email: mike.mcdaniel@dca.state.fl.us) or Walker Banning at 850-922-1785 (email: walker.banning@dca.state.fl.us).

Sincerely,

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